

# COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

## MINUTES

February 26, 2004

### Attendees:

Capt. Mark Bruce – Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP)  
Jerry Davis – Finney County Commissioner  
Jack Taylor – City of Emporia Fire Department  
Shane Munch – Astaris  
Britt McKinney – Wolf Creek Generating Plant  
Randy Duncan – Chairman, Sedgwick County Emergency Management  
Major General Tod Bunting – Adjutant General  
Dick Morrissey – Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE)  
Susan Barker – Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)  
Karl McNorton – State Fire Marshal's Office  
Randy Mettner – Kansas Department of Commerce

Conference Call – Dr. Lyle Noordhoek – Central Plains Laboratory

Members of public and support staff were in attendance

### Members not in Attendance:

Dick Heitschmidt – City of Hutchinson

### Meeting:

- Meeting opened at 9:37
- Remarks from Committee Members/Public – no one came forward
- Minutes from October 3, 2003 meeting were reviewed and approved.
  - Dr Lyle Noordhoek motioned and Britt McKinney seconded the motion
- Committee Reports:
  - State Hazard Mitigation Team Charlie McGonigle
    - Handout was provided showing the current status of projects.
    - KS leads the nation for school safe rooms: 54 open projects and 34 completed
    - Discussed change from 15% to 7.5% mitigation grants following Presidential Disasters. Was effective before Jun 03 disaster in eastern Kansas.
  - Public Safety Communications Committee Susan Barker

- Expect mobile tower teams to be operational June 04. Plan to demonstrate at State Fair.
  - KDOT has a proposal in legislature to allow other users on the state 700/800 MHz system. Developing a business plan. KDOT expects to retain and utilize all 76 current towers as they upgrade existing system.
  - Legislative Issues Gene Krase (on behalf of David Lake)
- LEPC Appointment Committee – Leticia Arzate
  - Online spill reporting – The system has been beta tested and it will go live in approximately 90 days. The site will be a secure site with a password access.
  - Tier II Reporting Project – The same vendor working with the on-line notification will work with the Tier II on-line application. This is a project financed by KDHE and KDEM
  - LEPC Appointments received since last meeting for Cloud, Cowley, Finney, Geary, Phillips, Rooks, Salina, Smith, Stevens, Wabaunsee, and Wichita Counties.
- Homeland Security Working Group Gene Krase
  - EAS Committee – discussion regarding state EAS plan and DHS intent to upgrade EAS to digital beginning FY-05 and role of cable providers to provide EAS messages.
  - Group is in beginning of forming team to work Interoperability dealing with other than wireless
- Status of Hazmat Response Teams Karl McNorton
  - State Fire Marshal's Office has trained 400 personnel to technical level training
  - Presented state map with locations of full teams and chemical assessment teams.
- New Business:
  - Was discussion regarding Roles of Governor's Council on Homeland Security and Commission on Emergency Planning and Response Maj Gen Tod Bunting & Capt. Mark Bruce
  - Maj Gen Bunting expressed interest in an annual funding report similar to one published by another state.
  - Was a discussion regarding coordination of training
    - Mr. Morrissey reported on an initiative the Division of Health has to implement a web accessible central listing of available training related to health issues.
  - EPA Update Steve Wurtz
    - Changes to Clean Air Act
    - Conference in May
  - Legislative Issues Jim Keating

- SB 387 – Only one hearing has been conducted
- HB 2393 – KS Security – review & monitor ODP funds
- HB 1616 – Communications – moving quickly
- SB 312 – Continue funding the KU Fire program
- HB 2686 – Emergency Medical definition instead of first responder
- SB 153 – cell phone in conference committee locator on cell phone calls

The CEPR committee would like to continue getting legislative updates when the legislature is in session

- The chairman directed staff to include on future agendas the status of efforts to provide integrated training and exercise programs
- Meeting adjourned 11:22 a.m.– Jerry Davis motioned and Dr Noordhoek second the motion